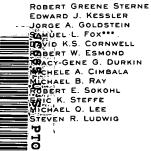
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- i. <u>16</u> pages of description prior to the claims;
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